Orders received by TAFCO

3883. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of orders received by the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited from the armed forces during last three years ending on 30th April, 1997 for supply of boots etc.;

(b) the extent to which the company has utilised its installed capacity exclusively set out for armed forces' requirements;

(c) the constraints being faced by the company in the matter of cash-flow, arrears of electricity, water charges and other municipal dues;

(d) whether this company had become sick due to want of orders from the above forces and due to non-implementation of Government/ Cabinet decision taken since 1969 and thereafter;

(e) whether any effort is now being made to revive the units; and

(f) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) During the last three financial years, Tannery & Footwear Corporation of India Ltd. (TAFCO) did not receive any orders from the Armed Forces for supply of boots etc. and therefore, the dedicated production capacity could not be utilised.

(c) to (f) In the absence of internal generation of funds, the company has been facing liquidity problems resulting in non-payment of various dues such as electricity, water, municipal dues etc. and the company has become sick.

BIFR had considered various options for revival of TAFCO. BIFR's final recommendations are now pending before the Allahabad High Court.

Instruction by DPE to fill Vacant Posts

3884. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Public Enterprises under the Ministry have issued guidelines to act Ministries/Departments impressing upon them that all the temporary vacancies of Chairman-cum-Managing Directors in Public Enterprises be filled up by giving an acting charge to the senior most functional Director of the Board; and

(b) if so, whether these guidelines have not been followed by the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited and if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The officiating charge of the post of CMD, POWER GRID was given to the second senior most functional Director in the Corporation w.e.f. 1.11.96 as the Central Vigilance Commission had not earlier given vigilance clearance in respect of the senior most functional Director in the Corporation for his appointment as its CMD.

Inclusion of Krishnapatnam industrial port city for German assistance

3885. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD :
DR. MOHAN BABU :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh has requested for inclusion of Krishnapatnam industrial port city project for assistance from Germany;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Since the project does not fit in with the priority of the German Government it is not being considered under official development assistance from Germany.

Setting up of industries in Bihar

3886. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that despite having the industrial raw material in abundance entrepreneurs are scared of setting up their industries in Bihar;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any studies to find out the reasons therefor;

(c) what were the findings of the studies;

(d) whether Government have discussed these problems with Government of Bihar;

(e) if so, the reaction of State Government in this regard; and

(f) the remedial measures Government propose to take for the proper industrialisation of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) No such complaint has been received by the Government. On the country, Bihar has been attracting a fair share of industries in the post liberalisation period as is clear from the fact that about 289 Nos. of industrial approvals (Industries Entrepreneur Memoranda and letters of intent) were issued for the state between August 91 to March 97 involving an investment of about Rs. 6,629 crores.

(b) to (f) Does not arise.

Recommendations of Disinvestment Commission

3887. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of Disinvestment Commission;

(b) how many public sector companies have been recommended for disinvestment;

(c) the name of companies those have been disinvested since the recommendations of the commission; and

(d) the performance recorded after the disinvestment of all the public sector units?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) The Disinvestment Commission has in its reports submitted to the Govt. recommended *inter-alia*, the strategies for investment in 9 PSUs. The Commission has also made general recommendations on establishment of disinvestment fund, restructuring and the corporate governance and autonomy to the PSUs.

(c) No disinvestment has taken place since the receipt of the recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Setting up of small industrial townships

3888. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for setting up small industrial townships throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such industrial townships that exist in the country at present; and

(d) the State-wise number of such industrial township proposed to be set up in near future?

THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Passenger car plant at Kakinada

3889. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal for setting up a passenger car plant at Visakhapatnam of Kakinada;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Government proposed to do so in view of facilities of port there?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Automobile Sector is a delicensed sector with Government playing a catalyst role.

Decline in dividend paid by PSUs

3890. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether disinvestments Public Sector Undertakings will lead to a corresponding decline in the amount of dividends which they pay to Government annually; and

(b) the funds likely to be raised from PSUs disinvestments during 1997-98 and the estimated loss of revenue of Government on this count?